

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

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The City Manager's Update is a weekly newsletter that provides information about ongoing projects, events, and initiatives across League City.

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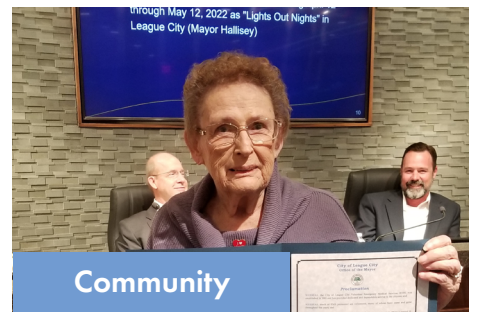


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Great League City Cleanup

As part of League City's affiliation with the Keep America Beautiful and Keep Texas Beautiful program, we are participating in the Great American Cleanup—a nationwide event that annually brings out nearly 3.4 million people in 20,000 different communities across the U.S. Neighborhoods, subdivisions, HOAs, and businesses across League City are encouraged to gather and pick up trash and waste along streets, ditches, sidewalks, and waterways in their community.

In addition, League City—in partnership with the Keep League City Beautiful citizen committee and Bay Area Church—is hosting a communitywide event on Saturday, April 23 from 8 a.m. to noon to cleanup the area around Rustic Oaks Park and Magnolia Creek, which includes sections of the Feathered Friends Hike and Bike Trail.

Those wishing to participate can park at Bay Area Church, located at 4800 Main Street, and will be shuttled to one of two drop-off points. Shuttle buses will run continuously to drop off and pick up participants. All cleanup supplies and breakfast will be provided. Scout troops, youth groups, civic clubs, and businesses are encouraged to take part. If you or your group are interested in participating, please signup at this [link](#).

Great *League City* Cleanup

Hosted by the Keep League City Beautiful Citizen Committee

Saturday, April 23 | 8 a.m. to noon

Join with your neighbors to host a cleanup event or join ours!



Cleanup efforts will focus along Magnolia Creek and sections of the Feathered Friends Hike and Bike Trail to preserve birding habitats in the area.

How to Participate:

- » Park at Bay Area Church at 4800 Main Street. Shuttle buses will run continuously to drop off and pick up participants from one of two cleanup locations.
- » All cleanup supplies will be provided, however participants are encouraged to wear sunscreen, mosquito repellent, and long pants with wader/rain boots because of the proximity to the creek.
- » Breakfast will be provided and there will be plenty of water stations throughout the cleanup area.
- » Scout troops, youth groups, civic clubs, and businesses are encouraged to participate.

Sign up at leaguecity.com/cleanup and use the hashtag **#GreatLCCleanup** during the event.



Easter Impacts



In observance of the Easter holiday, Hometown Heroes Park and Helen Hall Library will be closed on Sunday, April 17. All other City parks will remain open. Both facilities will reopen on Monday. There will be no impacts to trash services.

White Linen Night Art Crawl

League City is excited to announce an amazing opportunity for artists and art lovers in our community—our first ever Art Crawl! We are inviting all local artists in League City and our surrounding communities to have a booth/table for FREE to display and/or sell their art. The event will take place on Saturday, June 25 in the League City Historic District. **If you would like to participate, please submit three JPEGs of your work to Rosa.Salcido@leaguecitytx.gov by May 6.**

The samples will be reviewed by a jury panel of artists from the Keep League City Beautiful citizen committee. If approved, artists will be provided with a tent/booth location in early June. Artists will need to provide their own tables, panels, frames, and whatever else is needed to display and/or sell their art. Artists that do not have a lot of work to display/sell are welcome to partner with another artist.



Volunteer Recognized for 25 Years of Service



A League City resident has been recognized by City Council for serving over 25 years as a volunteer for the City's Volunteer Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department, making her their longest serving volunteer. Elizabeth Jensen Nelson, known by many as "Betty," began her volunteer career with EMS in December 1984 as the Community Outreach Officer. During her time with EMS, she served as Chairman of the EMS Board of Directors for 11 years and even received accreditation as an Emergency Medical Technician. She has received multiple awards throughout her years of service, including the Volunteer of the Year Award three times, the Top Responder Award four times, and the Public Relations Award three times. At Tuesday's Council meeting, Mayor Pat Hallisey proclaimed April 12, 2022 as "Betty Nelson Day." Although League City's EMS Department is currently only made up of paid employees, League City has plenty of other opportunities for volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering for the City of League City, like Betty, search available positions [here](#).

Budget Department Award

For the 15th consecutive year, the League City Budget Department has been awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association. To earn recognition, the City's budget documents must meet program criteria and excel as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and communication tool. Congratulations to our Budget Department!



Public Safety Updates

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

This week, League City Police Department celebrated "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week." Every year during the second week of April, the telecommunications personnel in the public safety community are honored. This is a time to celebrate and thank those who dedicate their lives to serving the public. The telecommunicators field over 125,000 calls per year that led to 59,000 calls for service last year. "They are essential to this organization and their dedicated service to this community has helped make League City one of the safest cities in Texas," said Assistant Chief Woitena. "I am thankful for the professionalism and commitment demonstrated by our TCs and you have my gratitude and heartfelt thanks this week and every week."



EMS Upgrades Equipment

EMS has been using a medical grade continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) device for almost 20 years. CPAP works very well to treat patients with congestive heart failure or drownings, but not so well for respiratory issues like asthma and emphysema. This week, EMS is training on an upgrade to add Bi-level airway pressures to treat all the other respiratory issues seen. Bi-level allows pressures to decrease when a patient breathes out and gives the patient pressure support. This will be very beneficial to those asthma and emphysema patients. Studies have shown that patient care improves, and recovery times are much shorter when EMS uses CPAP/Bi-Level to treat respiratory patients. EMS wants our patient's hospital stays as short as possible with return to their normal way of life and Flow-Safe II should make that happen in a larger number of their patients.



LCPD Golf Tournament



The League City Police Department is seeking sponsors for the annual community services Golf Tournament held Monday, May 16 at Bay Forest Golf Course in La Porte. This tournament is organized by the police department

and will host over 140 participants and volunteers. All proceeds will benefit LCPD's Community Service programs, like Blue Santa, Crime Victim Services, National Night Out, and more. We need your help! If you're interested in becoming a sponsor, [sign up here](#).

Firefighting Panda on Fox 26

The League City Volunteer Fire Department is constantly looking for ways to engage the community. They were recently featured on Fox 26 with their mascot, FF Panda. If you missed it, watch the video [here](#).



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Little Hero Night

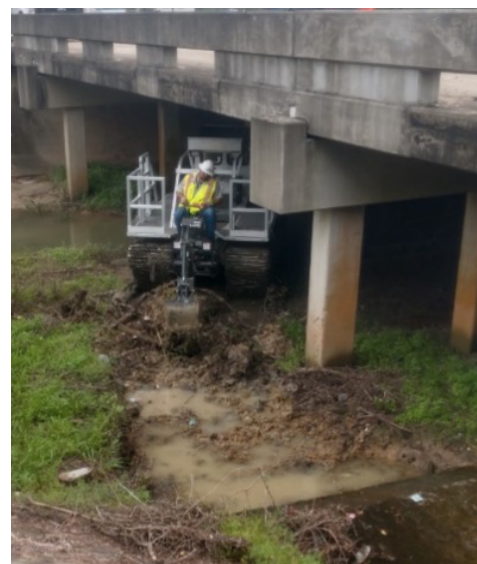
Last Friday, the League City Volunteer Fire Department attended the Little League Hero Night at Mallory Field. Several agencies were present to help support the baseball teams. Even FF Panda made an appearance and hung out with the little leaguers!



Public Works Updates

Benson Bayou FM 646 Bridge Clean Out

The Public Works Vegetation Management Division and the Stormwater Division are working together in cleaning out the silt and soil accumulations in Benson's Bayou under the FM 646 Bridge. The Marsh Master is ideally suited to help in this environment due to its lightweight design, ability to float, and low ground pressure. The back of the machine has hydraulic hookups that allow many attachments for the machine. League City has a backhoe seen in the pictures, a mower, roller chopper, sprayer, and a vegetation blade. Once the areas under the FM 646 bridge are cleaned, the long reach excavators that the Stormwater Division operates will be used to finish desilting Benson's Bayou to the League City limits.



Annual Autosampler Service

This week, refrigerated autosamplers at both wastewater treatment facilities were serviced and calibrated by a contracted lab service vendor. Refrigerated auto samplers are utilized for applications where temperature control is required for sample preservation. Both facilities sample 24-hour composite samples based on time and flow as required by permit. In order to maintain regulatory compliance, Publicly Owned Treatment Works facilities are required to sample, monitor, and submit all analytical data to the EPA and TCEQ as part of the federal governing law, Clean Water Act.



Parks and Recreation Updates

Strength & Conditioning

Registration is now open for Residents/
Opens April 27th for Non-residents

 **Tuesdays**
7-8pm
At Hometown Heroes Park

Ages 50 and Older

\$60 a session

Session 1: June 7th - July 12th

Session 2: July 19th - August 23rd

Power YOGA

Registration is now open for Residents/
Opens April 27th for Non-residents

Mondays
6-7pm
At The Community Center

Ages 18 and Older

\$60 a session

Session 1: June 6th - July 11th

Session 2: July 18th - August 22nd

Adult Kickboxing

Registration is now open for Residents/
Opens April 27th for Non-residents

 **Wednesdays**
7-8pm
At The Community Center

Ages 18 and Older

\$60 a session

Session 1: June 8th - July 13th

Session 2: July 20th - August 24th

**Registration for
Toddler, Youth and
Adult Summer Swim
Lessons Opening Soon!**

Registration opens for residents
April 20th \$50 a session
Non-residents opens May 4th
\$75 a session

Kids Night at The Rec

Ages 6-12

Friday April 22
5-9PM

Registration fee:
**Resident \$15/
Non-resident \$22.50**

There are still spots
available for Stroke Clinic
April 25th- May 18th

Mondays and Wednesdays
5:00-5:30pm
Ages 6-17

Don't forget to register!
**\$75 for Residents/ \$112.50
for Non-residents**



Hometown Heroes Park now has a Little Free Pantry thanks to Ashton Hortons Eagle Scout Project. This project took nearly 6 weeks from start to completion, with over 150-man hours invested. Ashton would like to thank Kemah Hardware and Ace Hardware in Clear Lake, for their generous donations in making this possible. Ashton is currently a junior at Clear Falls High School, where he also plays tuba and is first chair in his high school marching band.

League City Park Operations helped with the installation and Hometown Heroes Park employees will assist in checking food expiration dates and quality. The Pantry is open for anyone in need.



Thank you Ashton!

**For more info call us at
281-554-1180
or visit leaguacity.com/parks**



Follow us @LeagueCityParksandRecreation

Helen Hall Library Updates

UPCOMING EVENTS

BABIES AND BOOKS

Tickles, giggles, rhymes, and a story for those who BYOB (bring your own baby).

Wed, April 20 from 10:15 to 11:45 am
For infants and their caregivers

TEEN DICE & DIMENSIONS

Join us for tabletop role-playing games! Hosted by Teen Advisory Board members.

Thurs, April 21 from 5 to 7 p.m.
For ages 12 to 18

SATURDAY SAVINGS SERIES

Discuss helpful tips on managing debt with a representative from Woodforest National Bank.

Sat, April 23 from 1 to 2 p.m.
For adults



OTHER HAPPENINGS

Teen Late Night: PROM: Celebrate prom your way! Enjoy music, karaoke, and refreshments. Participants are encouraged to dress up, dress down, or in costume. April 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. For ages 12 to 18.

Día Children's Day/Book Day: Join us for Día! Children's Day/Book Day with stories, crafts, and activities from around the world! The fun takes place on Saturday, April 30 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. This program is for ages 2 to 8.

Credit Reports and Scores: Another great program in the Saturday Savings Series takes place on April 30 from 1 to 2 p.m. and is focused on your credit scores and reports. Come discuss tips to raise those and address any issues affecting them.

Celebrate World Book Day with...

Kendra Scott
and
The Friends of Helen Hall Library

Shop at Kendra Scott on World Book Day and have 20% of your purchase benefit the Friends of Helen Hall Library!

How it works:

Mention the promotional sale at checkout in-store at the Baybrook Mall Kendra Scott Retail Location on April 23 from 2-4 pm.

Enter code GIVEBACK-BMPXJ while checking out online at kendrascott.com from April 23-April 24.

Not combinable with other offers.

FOLLOW US!



Communications Updates

MEET YOUR #LCLOCAL

LC Local

Meet Leann Criswell, owner of ABL Girls Creatives and our #LCLocal! Her shop has everything from soap, art, home decor, gifts, and so much more. Learn more about Leann at www.leaguecitytx.gov/4263/42060/Leann-Criswell

LEANN CRISWELL
#LCLOCAL RESIDENT & OWNER OF ABLGIRLSCREATIVES

Tell us about yourself.
My name is Leann Criswell, I have a fulltime passion business making beautiful, creative items. Our most popular items are soaps, but we offer a few other arts and crafts.

What's your favorite thing about League City?
It's so pretty! It feels similar to my hometown.

What type of soap designs do you offer?
We have so many! There's Harry Potter, Mickey & Minnie Mouse, The Tesseract from Avengers, Easter inspired soaps and many more!

What's a random fact about you?
My work partner is my dog, Stacy. She's 14, blind and almost toothless.

Read more about Leann and other #LCLocals at leaguecity.com/LCLocals

Lights Out, League City

Did you know that most birds migrate at night? They often use the moon, stars, and sun to navigate. Light pollution can interfere with these signals and cause a serious problem for birds. They might be thrown off course or become so disoriented that they circle until they fall to exhaustion or collide with buildings. April 12 through May 12 have been declared by Council as "Lights Out Nights" to help protect the migratory birds coming through our area. Do your part and turn your outside lights off from sunset to sunrise. Turning off lights dramatically reduces hazards from attraction to and disorientation by light, allowing birds to safely proceed with their migratory journeys. By working together toward a dark sky every spring and fall, we will keep birds safely on course and out of harm's way. Each light matters, and your commitment makes all the difference.

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BirdCast

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A-MAY-ZING Adventure

There is still time to register your team of four for our A-May-ZING Adventure on May 14! Sign up for a day of fun and a chance to win great prizes. Starting at 8 a.m. at League Park until noon, teams will hunt for clues, answer trivia questions, complete challenges, and capture their experience via photos to earn points. Teams that collect the most points in the four-hour time period will win bragging rights at the finish line party at Big League Dreams and receive prizes as well.

[Register for A-MAY-ZING Adventure here.](#)



5 K Fun Run

Participate in our upcoming 5K race/fun run on May 22 at Hometown Heroes Park! All runners/walkers will receive a complimentary t-shirt and participation medal. All proceeds from the 5K will go to the League City Blue Santa Program, which provides gifts to less fortunate families in our community during the holiday season. After the 5K, stay for touch-a-truck with Police, Fire, and EMS vehicles, food trucks and live music, inflatables, kids crafts, and more. Sign up at www.leaguecity.com/5k.

League City Animal Care

Adopt a Dog

League City Animal Care still has some sponsored adoptions available. Adopt any dog from for 50% off normal fees. Adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, microchip, rabies vaccine, and other appropriate vaccinations.



CIP Updates

Hike and Bike Trails Wayfinding Signage Project (PK1701)

The City of League City has developed a family of wayfinding signage which includes four different sign types. The first phase of signage was installed previously within the Feathered Friends Trails and included kiosk blade signs, directional signs, park signs, and interpretive signs. The scope of Phase 2 will incorporate 29 new signs within the Fauna and Flowers Trails, 20 signs within the Coastal Creatures Trails, as well as install an additional 4 signs within the Phase 1 Trails. A maximum of 10 interpretive "Type D" signs will be included. The City is currently reviewing the consultant's proposal with an anticipated Council award and Notice to Proceed to be given second quarter 2022.

Hometown Heroes Park Improvements - 5K Loop Trail, Dog Park & Fitness Course (PK1803/PK1906)

Current improvements to League City's Hometown Heroes Park include the 5K Loop Trail, the Eastside Dog Park, and the Fitness/Obstacle Course. The 5K Loop, approved and funded by the 4B Corporation, will completely encircle the existing park with an additional loop taking in an undeveloped portion of the park to the east of the current recreational facilities and the eastern-most parking lot. The trail will consist of a 10' wide decomposed granite trail bounded by two concrete curbs to stabilize the trail surface material and lower maintenance costs. The Dog Park will be constructed adjacent to but outside of the trail within the undeveloped section of the park. The Fitness/Obstacle Course will be southeast of the Recreation Center near the park boundary and accessed easily from the eastern parking lot.

The remainder of concrete curb for the trail is forecasted to be formed and concrete placed by the week of April 18, weather permitting. Afterwards, decomposed granite placement activity will follow. Construction of the shade canopy is complete, as well as the fitness/obstacle course equipment. Topsoil import activity for the Dog Park is ongoing with final grading estimated to be complete by end of April. Hydroseed of the Dog Park will follow shortly after completion of topsoil placement, barring inclement weather. Installation of perimeter fencing has started and is anticipated to be complete after topsoil placement. The proposed sanitary sewer that will service the future dog fountain is currently under construction and will continue for the next couple of weeks. Construction of the trail is anticipated to be complete by May 9, 2022. The Dog Park is forecasted to be complete by June 2022, weather permitting.



Placement of topsoil at Dog Park



Completed trail along hill with topsoil in place

CIP Updates

Highway 270 Boat Ramp Update (PK1804)

As reported recently, this project will benefit from a planning grant of almost \$150,000 from the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) that will cover engineering design on the Highway 270 Boat Ramp. This funding is in addition to a Federal Boating Access grant of \$500,000 received in 2019, which becomes available when the project moves into the construction phase.

The status of design and permitting follows:

- A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit has been approved
- The City of League City has returned 90% plan review comments to the consultant

The City's plans for the boat ramp include:

- Renovation of launching lanes
- Replacement of failing bulkheading
- Replacement of the concrete walkway west of the launching lanes
- Repairs to and extension of the wooden walkway/pier east side of the lanes, providing additional boat tie up space
- Add alternates will provide additional parking and repairs to the existing parking lot

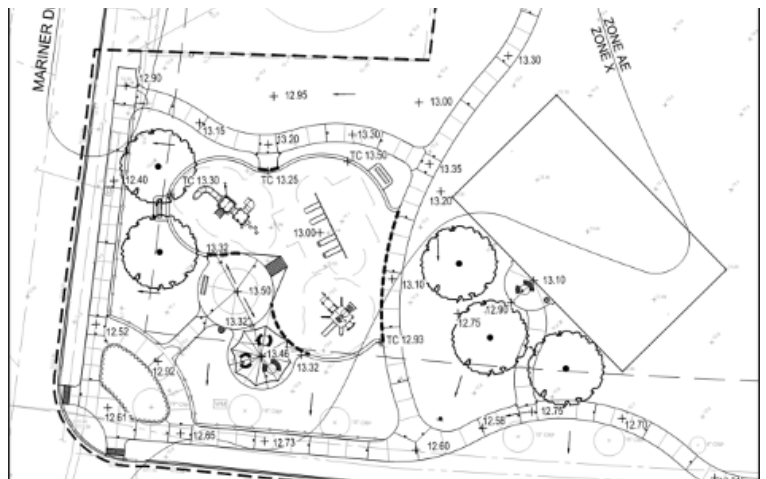
The City plans to bid out the planned construction in the fall of 2022.

Bayridge Park Redevelopment (PK1902)

This project advertised for bid on April 5, 2022 and opens on April 28. Council is anticipated to award the construction contract in May 2022. The renovations to the park include a concrete trail, a new playground, picnic tables under a small shade pavilion, and the installation of shade trees. It also includes improvements to the baseball backstop area, a walkway, and a picnic table at the basketball court. Add alternates will include a sidewalk extension around the existing water ground storage tank facility, resurfacing of the basketball court, and fencing around the playground area. The existing ground storage facility is expected to be decommissioned and removed in the next two years.

Pictured to the right is a portion of the site plan as well as an aerial photo of the same area of the existing park.

Construction is expected to take 7 to 9 months.



CIP Updates

Kayak Launches for the Clear Creek Connections Paddle Trail (PK1910)

There are currently two kayak launches under design to add to the Clear Creek Connections Paddle Trail kayak launches that are now in place. Both of the launches are planned to provide parking and handicapped access for users. These two new ramps are proposed in the Strategic Plan, which also calls for a third launch to be developed in the coming years. Following is a brief status report on each active project site:

- **Dr. Ned and Fay Dudney Clear Creek Nature Center (the Nature Center):** This facility will be located on the west side of Highway 270, slightly north of the entrance to the Nature Center. Access to the launch parking will be from the loop road that now provides Highway 270 Boat Ramp access. The future launch will be within an embayment of Clear Creek.

This launch has received Texas Historical Commission approval and the wetlands have been identified. A preliminary design has been developed to avoid impacts to the wetlands.

- **Clear Creek and Kansas Street:** This site is upstream of the Nature Center location and will provide off-street parking and ramps to provide access down the slope into Clear Creek.

Both launch sites will be added to the existing three launches at Lynn Gripon Park, Walter Hall Park, and Heritage Park.

Bay Colony Park (PK2001)

On April 12, 2022, City Council voted for Amendment No. 4 for TBG Partners. The additional work approved at the regular council meeting will allow TBG to design several areas of the park that user groups desired to have added to the amenities that were already approved for design. The design of the entire park that will move forward will include 13 items. These items will be considered "Add Alternates" when it's time to bid the project. At that time, City Council will decide if the additional amenities are warranted as additions to the project.

Amenities to be considered include:

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| • 5 Softball fields | • Trails/Walkways |
| • 4 Baseball fields | • Lighted parking spaces |
| • Batting cages | • Detention/Retention Ponds |
| • Warm up areas | • Maintenance area |
| • Concessions / restrooms | • Other amenities, landscaping, and support facilities as Add Alternates |
| • Picnic facilities | |
| • Play areas | |
| • Soccer/Football fields | |
| • Tennis/Pickleball courts | |
| • Disc Golf | |

Due to design and permitting, construction is estimated to begin in 2023. The city also plans to seek a TPWD Outdoor Grant at the end of 2022 to fund a portion of the nearly \$33 million facility. The latest site plan for the proposed park is pictured to the right.

